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SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



JUMP START



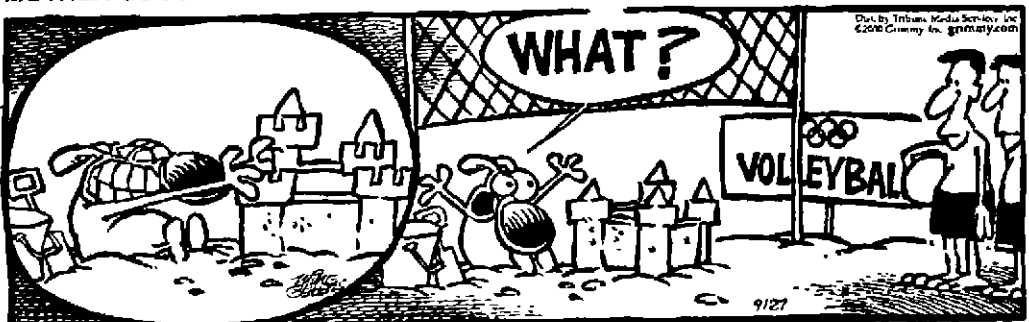
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



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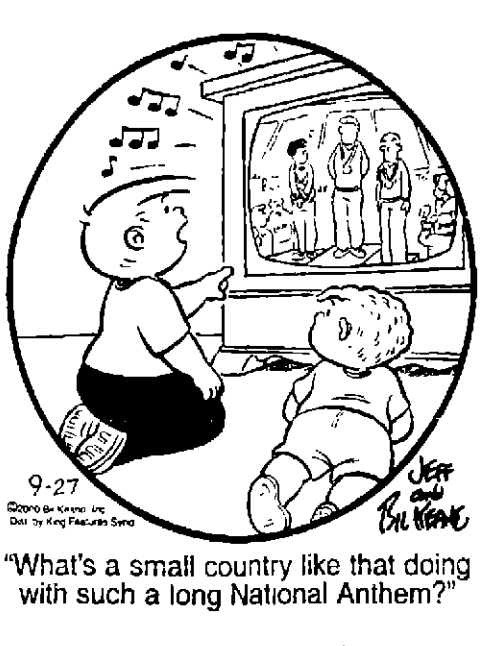
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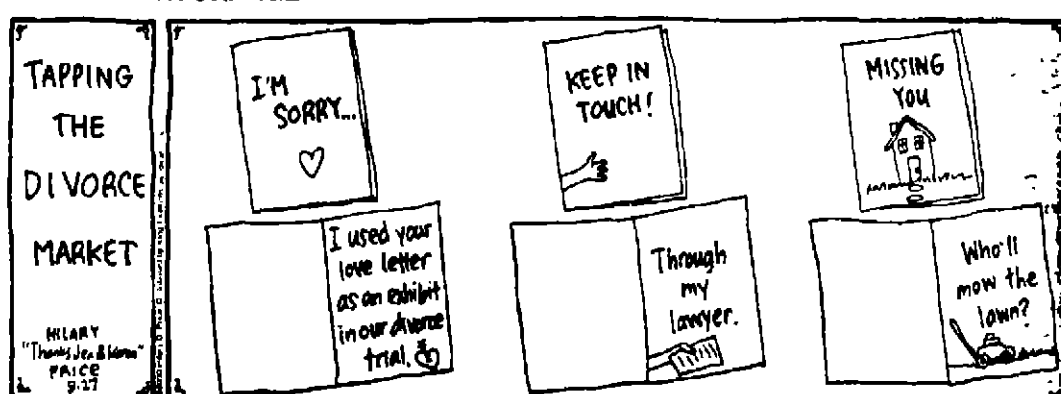
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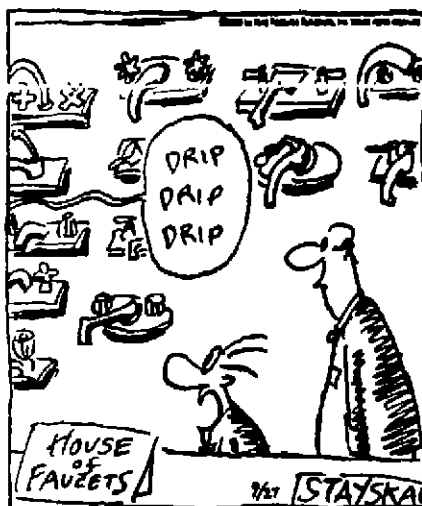
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Movie director Arthur Penn is 70. Actress Sada Thompson is 71. Actress Kathleen Nolan is 67. Actor Wilford Brimley is 66. Actor Claude Jarman Jr. is 66. Author Barbara Howard is 66. Singer-musician Randy Bachman (Bachman-Turner Overdrive) is 57. Actress Liz Torres is 53. Singer Meat Loaf is 49. Rock musician Greg Ham (Men At Work) is 47. Singer Shaun Cassidy is 42.

I NEED HELP



The importance of a first base coach.

SCRABBLE

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M	A	I	O	M	S	A	A
N	A	O	Y	T	T	R	
N	E	L	G	A	E	H	
C	G	H	I	U	P	X	

PAR SCORE 70-80 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50 point bonus. 'Blank' used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

EXCLAMATIONS

P M I E A W S P L I E A X T Q
N J G C Z W T Q A N J G D A X
U R O L J G F W R D N A X V S
P N K I F C A E R E O X V S Q
O L J H E C A H I M T A D X V
T R P N L P A P B R H A J H F
D B Y X V R U T A A G R P O M
K I G E R D Y T B E I D Z X W
U T R U Y Q O M U D R N O W E
L J H I A E G F H H D C A O E
Y X W V S T H C U O S S R W G

Today's unlisted clue: MOM DAD
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Yesterday's unlisted clue hint: VICTORY SHOUT

Aha	Gee	Oh, my	Say
Arrra	Good grief	Ouch	Shut up
Dear me	Hey	Phew	Wow
Egad	Oh dear	Right on	

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HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, Sept. 28, 2000

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) If you find yourself being passive, make sure you're not just trying to avoid making a decision.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) There is a lot of positive energy currently surrounding your career.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Romance is first and foremost on your mind, so make it a day of love and pleasure.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) While you're dying for some quiet time at home, first you'll have to make it through a tough schedule.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Should you choose to throw a score this evening, you'll be surprised by how many people attend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You are feeling indecisive, while a partner or friend has strong opinions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) It's an excellent time for socializing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) While you're being called upon to captain a ship, you can barely find your way on deck.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Don't be afraid to ask a friend or a lover for a favor; they'll be happy to help.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) For a change, it's what you know rather than whom you know that really counts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) A chat with a co-worker inspires you afresh.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Caring for a loved one will give you a deep sense of satisfaction.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

America's leading monthly bridge magazine keeps advanced players abreast of the latest developments of the game. "The Bridge World," P.O. Box 299, Scarsdale, NY 10583-0299, features quizzes, puzzles, competitions and analyses of recent tournament deals. A recent issue provides an interesting anomaly. South took East's heart 10 with his queen and led his diamond queen. Had West won, South would have had an easy time. After West shrewdly ducked, South played his two top clubs and followed with the club jack. This brought another shrewd duck, this time by East. With dummy's minors isolated, South exited in hearts and the defense knocked out the diamond ace. As soon as the defenders won a trick, they could cash four more winners, sending the game one down. An almost identical deal was reported years ago in a favorite bridge classic. The solution offered was that South should cash only one high club before offering his club jack. If East wins four spades, one heart, two diamonds and two clubs. If East refuses the club jack, South will win nine tricks anyway (three spades, one heart, two diamonds and three clubs).

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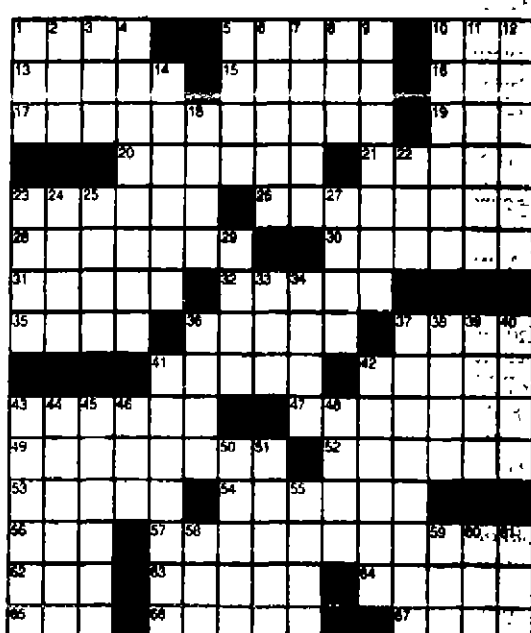
- ACROSS**
- Rice, e.g.: Abbr.
 - Category under race, maybe
 - "That's gross!"
 - Book with legends
 - Russell of "Gladiator"
 - Second Amendment rights grp.
 - With 36- and 57-Across, an old dramatist's motto?
 - It's measured in MB
 - Pupils' surroundings
 - Buzzing with excitement
 - Light into
 - Like some sandwich bags
 - Work of 1806
 - Urgent request
 - Ph.D. hurdles
 - Northeastern Indians
 - Word after word or flat
 - See 17-Across
 - Cold, to Conchita
 - Truffles et al.
 - Creature under a bridge
 - Mr. Munster, of 60's TV
 - Work of 1604
 - Did
 - End of a blackmail letter
 - Sherpa's home
 - Binks
 - Nutrition inits.
 - See 17-Across
 - Jr. and sr.
 - Goofed
 - Photographer
 - Arbus
 - Port vessel
 - Roll-tops
 - Historic caravel

DOWN

- Detroit org.
- Mathematician's number
- Elba, e.g., to Napoleon
- Like some manufacturing costs
- Publisher Adolph
- Feller's targets
- Simple basketball game
- Farm female
- Some Realtors' deals
- Get ready to shower
- Objects of quests
- Work of 1804
- One thing after another
- Fight like a knight
- Dickens cry
- Boy with a bow
- F.D.R.'s mother
- Improvise, in a way
- Brother of Seth
- Axed
- Tractor-trailer

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SARA NEAT WALLS
PLOP ONME AVOID
ALMS IDEA SINAI
SWEET SURRENDER
MER YER DAY SLO
STOOP EARS COIL
HEY SOT AMAD
HEYBIGSPENDER
GIVE CUE RUG
ALES KISS DEANS
MAN DEN HAG DEC
RETURN TO SEN
MIDIS EWOK ALDA
STUCK SIZE DEEP
GYPSY STEW ADDS



Puzzle by David Levinson with

- 34 Of the hipbone: Prefix
- 36 Polly, to Tom
- 37 "Wheel of Fortune" bonus
- 38 Craps play
- 39 Social problems
- 40 Facial tissue additive
- 41 Didn't serve well
- 42 Screw feature
- 43 Work of 1599
- 44 Curved bench
- 45 Meal
- 46 Elton John's longtime label
- 48 Duds
- 50 Tinker's target
- 51 The "10" in "10"
- 55 Cold war foe
- 56 Maximilian's realm Abbr.
- 59 "Love Story" composer
- 60 Writer Beattie
- 61 "...., venly"

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone 1-900-420-5656 (95¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years 1-888-7 ACROSS